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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Process for the two-step production of dinitrotoluene

the specification of which is attached hereto,

or was filed on February 17, 2004 as

Application Serial No. 10/780,266

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

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